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FIELDHOUSE GROUNDBREAKING HELD



(Clockwise from upper left) A crowd of over 300 gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking. Pete Tumminia, coach, gets a shovel full of dirt. Robin Walsh and Reed Alberg take their turns as Lynn Cupkie, Dean of Students and Athletic Director, awaits his turn. Sig Kuehn, architect; Dick Coleman, Counselor and Plant Committee Chair; Ann Gromowsky, Sister Olive Louise and Sandi Berkley discuss the project. Jerry Scott congratulates Avila.

Students, faculty, staff and friends of the college gathered August 29 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the fieldhouse.

Monsignor William Blacet blessed the site of the new building, currently under construction.

Sandi Berkley, representing the Mayor's office; Jerry Scott, President of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and Ann Gromowsky, Vice-President of the Women's Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Avila on the fine education opportunities it offers the Kansas City community and the completion of the campus building program.

Al Blasco and John Fallon, Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees and Counselors, respectively, also addressed the assemblage.

Two students and coaches had their turn at the microphone before the ceremonial turning of the spade of dirt.

Reed Alberg, Student Government President, thanked the students for their part in making the fieldhouse possible. Robin Walsh, Chairperson of the Student Union Board, reminded students that by leaving a better Avila they honor not only those that follow them, but also those that have gone before.

Pete Tumminia, soccer coach, showed the excitement shared by those involved with the athletic program. He expressed hope that the fieldhouse, because it will be used by all, would have a unifying effect on the campus. For Bill Waris, basketball coach, the fieldhouse is the realization of a dream he has shared since the athletic program began five years ago.

COME ON HOME . . . HOMECOMING '79 OCTOBER 5, 6 and 7

Avila College invites all alumni to participate in the events planned for Homecoming '79 on October 5, 6, and 7. This year new events have been planned including a "Wine and Cheese Theatre Party" Friday evening and a "Steak Dinner and Music Evening" on Saturday. Sunday the traditional Alumni Mass and Brunch will be held.

- Friday . . . Wine and Cheese Theatre Party - 8 p.m. - Goppert Theatre
Theatre Department Production of "Star-Spangled Girl"
Wine and Cheese - Helmes room - \$3.00 per person*
- Saturday . . . Steak Dinner and Music Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Leawood Country Club - 8901 Sagamore - Leawood
Music by Bob Russell - Bea Vera Orchestra - \$13 per person*
- Sunday . . . Traditional Mass and Brunch - 9:30 a.m.
Brunch honoring Classes of '29, '54, '69 and '74. - \$4 per person*

*Homecoming Special - \$18 for all three events — Phone 942-8400 for reservations.

Masthead Photo: Here is proof that Ed Thornhill's 60th + birthday was the greatest. Sons, Tom and Mark planned the gala event.

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NURSING HONORARY TO MEET

Beta Lambda, the Avila chapter of the national nursing honorary, Sigma Theta Tau, has inducted new officers including new president Madeline Courtright.

The first meeting of the year is Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitfield Centre. The speaker is Carolyn Edison, a nurse clinician in private practice. All health care personnel are invited.

MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th

An open house will be hosted by Avila's Montessori Centre and the Missouri Montessori Teachers Association on Sunday, October 28 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program, in celebration of the "International Year of the Child, 1979," will include the award-winning film "Maria Montessori: Follow the Child" (1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. in the Whitfield Centre. Dr. Lena Wikramaratne will discuss the Montessori approach to child development.

Demonstration classes of children ages 3 to 9 will be available for observation in the Hodes Education Centre. The program is free but you are invited to call for reservations, 942-8400, ext. 265.



Myron Brody, Coordinator of Visual Arts, presents a letter from Missouri Governor Teasdale to Governor Nunez welcoming the relationship between Missouri and Para, Brazil in the Partners of the America Program. Alongside Myron is Jan Woerth, U.M.K.C. Professor of Dentistry, and Board members of Para's Partners Committee. Pete Tummina joined Myron and Jan touring Brazil and participating in the cultural exchange program.

OCTOBER BIG MONTH FOR ATHLETIC TEAMS

The soccer team began the season with a pair of 4-1 victories over Benedictine and Missouri. Off to a good start the team looks to the month of October for the bulk of the schedule including five home contests (6-Rockhurst, homecoming, 13-McKendree (IL), 14-Southwest Missouri, 16-Tabor (KS) College, 21-Harris-Stowe). As part of the road schedule Avila will defend

its title in the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Invitation in Texas.

The volleyball team began its play in mid-September playing most of its matches on the road, but will play five of the last six at home (16-Central Methodist / Missouri Western, 20-Penn Valley / Park, 23-UMKC / Mid-America Nazarene, 25-Rockhurst, 31-Evangel / Longview).